



Making Markets Work for You!

For too long, our federal government has stood between Americans and affordable prescription drugs.

That's why the House passed my bill, H.R. 2427 –
the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2003.

Conservative estimates suggest (see chart on back) American consumers can save a minimum of 35-percent on prescription drugs by opening markets.

Seniors will spend \$1.8 trillion on prescription drugs over the next ten years. Simple arithmetic demonstrates we could allow Americans to keep more than \$600 billion over that time period.



"A drug you cannot afford is neither safe nor effective."

Dr. Steve Schondelmeyer
Pharm.D., PhD, University of Minnesota
PRIME Institute

How can we see such savings?

**By allowing markets
to work for you.**

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Outrageously High Drug Prices

This shows the price comparison between drugs purchased in the United States and drugs purchased in Munich, Germany (April 2003).

	Pharmacies in the United States	Metropolitan Pharmacy, Munich Airport
Cipro	\$55.05	\$35.12
Coumadin	\$89.95	\$21.00
Glucophage	\$29.95	\$5.00
Pravachol	\$149.95	\$62.96
Prozac	\$49.95	\$36.46
Synthroid	\$21.95	\$4.00
Tamoxifen	\$360.00	\$60.00
Zestril	\$59.95	\$25.04
Zocor	\$89.95	\$41.20
Zoloft	\$132.95	\$82.52



Congressman Gutknecht and Kate Stahl, an 84-year old grandmother from Minnesota, at a press conference discussing the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act.

As you can see from the chart to your left, common prescription drugs are 30-300 percent cheaper in Europe.

If the pharmaceutical companies already safely import prescription drugs, why can't you? Opening markets is the answer. H.R. 2427 allows market access to FDA-approved drugs from FDA-approved facilities abroad. Now that this bill has passed the House, it's up to the Senate to adopt similar language.

Americans deserve world-class prescription drugs at world market prices.



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